

1 & 2 Thessalonians (Lesson # 39)

Correction Directed to the Disciplined – 2 Thess 3:13-15

A Small Overview Review

Chester McCalley wrote a Commentary on I & II Thessalonians and he wrote that

I Thessalonians may be divided into two parts.

First, the Thessalonians are reminded of **how they received the word of God (1:1-3:13).**

Second, the Thessalonians are told **how to live the word of God (4:1-5:28).**

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And Chester McCalley wrote that

2 Thessalonians may be divided into four parts.

1st, they are **commended** for growing in both faith and love (1:1-3).

2nd, they are **encouraged** to remain steadfast while being persecuted. (1:4-12).

3rd, they are **corrected** concerning the day of the Lord (2:1-17)

4th, they are **rebuked** for reprehensible conduct (3:1-18)

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Previous context to today's lesson, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-12

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you; ² and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will *continue* to do what we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶ Now **we command you**, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an **unruly** life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; ⁹ not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an **undisciplined** life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. ¹² Now **such persons we command and exhort** in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

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Verses for today's lesson,

¹³ But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

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¹³ But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

Ἰμεῖς [pro pers nom pl σύ] **you**
 δέ, [conj δέ] **but**, (2nd part of contrast)
 ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] brothers, **brethren**
 μὴ ἐκκακήσητε [neg+v subj] aor act 2p pl ἐκκακέω] **should not grow weary**, lose heart, be exhausted
 καλοποιούντες. [part pres act nom masc pl καλοποιέω] **doing good**, what is right, well, upright, held in high respect

**** My literal translation**
But you brethren, should not grow weary doing good,

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¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

Εἰ [conj subordinating εἰ] **if** δέ [conj coord δέ] **and**, but
 τις [pro indef nom masc sing τις] **anyone**, someone, certain one
 οὐχ ὑπακούει [neg+v ind pres act 3p sing ὑπακούω] **is not obeying**, lit: listen under τῷ λόγῳ [art+n dat masc sing λόγος] **the word**, the instruction
 ἡμῶν [pro pers gen pl ἐγώ] **our**, of us διὰ [prep gen διά] through, by, in, with τῆς ἐπιστολῆς, [art+n gen fem sing ἐπιστολή] **the letter**, the epistle
 τοῦτον [pro dem acc masc sing οὗτος] **this one**
 σημειώσθε, [v imper pres mid 2p pl σημειώω] **you take note of**, identify (command)
 καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also, indeed
 μὴ συναμιγνύσθε [neg+inf pres mid/pass συναμιγνύμι] **do not associate with** αὐτῷ, [pro pers dat masc sing αὐτός] **him**
 ἵνα [conj subord ἵνα] **so that**, in order that
 ἐντραπή [v subj aor pass 3p sing ἐντρέπω] **he may be shamed**, or **turned about**

**** My literal translation**
And if anyone is not obeying the word of us in this letter, this one you take note of and do not associate with him so that he may be turned about.

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¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

καὶ [conj, kai] and, even, also, **yet**, indeed
 μὴ [neg particle or disj part other μὴ] **not**
 ὡς [adv ὡς] **as**, like
 ἐχθρὸν [adj acc masc sing ἐχθρός] **enemy**, Friberg: used of personal enemies, national foes, enemies of God, Bauer-Danker, **hated**, being hostile toward
 ἠγείσθε, [v imperative pres mid/pass dep 2p pl ἠγέομαι] think, consider, **regard**, esteem Friberg: after considering all the facts come to a decision about...
 ἀλλὰ [conj ἀλλά] **but** (strong contrast)
 βουθετεῖτε [v imperative pres act 2p pl βουθετέω] **you admonish**, exhort, warn
 ὡς [adv ὡς] **as**, like
 ἀδελφόν. [n acc masc sing ἀδελφός] **brother**, fellow believer, of equal rank

**** My literal translation**
yet not as an enemy regard him, but you admonish him as a brother.

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^{*13} But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.
¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.
¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

**** My literal translation**
¹³ But you brethren, should not grow weary doing good,
¹⁴ And if anyone is not obeying the word of us in this letter, this one you take note of and do not associate with him so that he may be turned about,
¹⁵ yet not as an enemy regard him, but you admonish him as a brother.

***** Wuest's expanded translation**
¹³But, as for you, brethren, do not become weary and lose heart in doing good. ¹⁴And, if, as is the case, anyone is not obeying our word in this letter, be taking special notice of this person and do not have any association with him, in order that he may be put to shame. ¹⁵Yet, stop considering him as an enemy but be admonishing and warning him as a brother [Christian].

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)
 v1-2 **pray for us** (imper pres mid) (Paul and team on his 2nd journey)
 a v1 relative to God's word...
 1) that the word of God may keep on advancing(run) freely (subjunctive)
 2) that the word of God may be honored(extol or magnify in thinking) among men.
 ie be unhindered and appreciated, even as it is with you, running freely & honored
 Only true of Philippian and Thessalonian churches
 Paul was actively involved in how God's word should be received....

b v2 relative to God's workers...
 that we may be delivered from the unreasonable men...
 Delivered, psychological, physically, from out of place people, poneros wicked
 By weakness, or aggressiveness -- Teaching God's Word always brings antagonism
 from sin natures -- Reason? "for the faith is not of all men" not all have the faith
 "Paul was a very great apostle. But his greatness consisted not so much in sheer
 native ability (though he had his share of that) as in his recognition of his dependence
 on God. It arises out of this that he so often requests the prayers of those to whom he
 ministers." (Constable)

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)
 v6 Now we **command** (ind pres act) **you, brothers**, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to **keep away** (infin pres mid) from every brother who walks irresponsibly and not according to the tradition received from us...

The command in regard to the *unruly* in I Thessalonians 5:14 was to *admonish* them.
 Since admonition had apparently failed, the command becomes **keep aloof**.
 This action is not meant to be punitive but is intended to make it clear that such conduct is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. (McCalley)

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)
 v12 Now we **command** (ind pres act) and **exhort** (ind pres act) **such people** by the Lord Jesus Christ that **quietly working** (part pres mid), **they may eat** (sub pres act) **their own food**.

This is the only command form directed to the disciplined in this chapter... **BUT**...
 Paul words his command in such a way as to call for self-examination on the part of his readers.
 He does not say, "Now hear this, you busybodies!"
 He addresses them indirectly so their own conscience will be activated. He wants to change, not condemn.
 Quiet work was an exhortation in I Thessalonians 4:11; now it is a binding command.
 The words in the Lord Jesus Christ elevate daily work to the level of Christian service.
 The word *own* is emphatic and stresses independent effort as against communal beneficence. (McCalley)

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)
 v13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary (subj aor act) of doing good.

With the emphatic pronoun *you*, Paul turns from the blameworthy to the blameless.
 The command does not mean that they had become weary but that they should be on guard against such a thing happening.
 The encouragement concerning well doing is doubtless intended to ensure a balance.
 Everyone is to earn his own way, but this should not discourage charitable acts. (McCalley)

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)

v14 And if anyone does not obey (ind pres act) our instruction in this letter, take note (imper pres mid) of that person; don't associate (inf pres mid/pass) with him, so that he may be ashamed (subj aor pass).

Those who obviously disobey Paul's commands are to be socially avoided.

At the same time, the goal is important, ...

So, how this is to be done must be focused on correction to restore harmony

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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)

v15 Yet do not regard (imper pres act) him as an enemy, but admonish (imper pres act) him as a brother

This is commanded! ...for the one avoided is **not** to be regarded as an enemy, but rather one to be brought to obedience to Pauline teaching. (McCalley)

So, the method is to admonish, to bring to the offenders mind the truth in a family way.

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Things to observe in this letter's conclusion

3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

3:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Paul ends this letter with prayers for the Thessalonians that show he is wanting God to give every one of them His peace and grace...

Next weeks lesson has more about this...

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